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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PM'S PRESS
STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING TEXT 10 DOWNING STREET INTENDS ISSUE
EARLY AFTERNOON LONDON TIME, APRIL 15:

2. PRESS NOTICE: NOT FOR RELEASE UNTIL 1300 BST
FRIDAY 15 APRIL. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS
ISSUED TODAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER, THE RT. HON.
JAMES CALLAGHAN, MP.

3. BEGIN TEXT: "WHEN I VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN
MARCH I DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER THE POSSIBILITY
OF HIS SEEING SOMETHING OF BRITAIN OUTSIDE LONDON. HE
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WAS KEEN TO DO SO AND I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT HE HAS KINDLY
ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON NEW
TOWN, IN ENGLAND, FROM WHICH THE CAPITAL OF THE UNITED
STATES DERIVES ITS NAME, ON FRIDAY 6 MAY AS PART OF A
SHORT TOUR OF NORTHEAST ENGLAND. HE AND I WILL TRAVEL
THROUGH PARTS OF THE TYNE AND WEAR AREA AND LOOK FOR-
WARD TO MEETING THE PEOPLE OF NEWCASTLE AND SUNDERLAND,

AS WELL AS WASHINGTON, AND TO VISITING SOME POINTS OF INTEREST INCLUDING LOCAL INDUSTRY. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS TRAVELED OVERSEAS SINCE TAKING OFFICE AND I KNOW THAT THE WARM-HEARTED PEOPLE OF THE NORTHEAST WILL WELCOME HIM ON FRIDAY 6 MAY.

IT WILL BE A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET PRESIDENT CARTER AGAIN AND I AM SURE HE WILL ENJOY THE TYPICAL HOSPITALITY FOR WHICH THE NORTHEAST IS WORLD FAMOUS." END TEXT.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE AT NEWCASTLE AIRPORT ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 6 MAY, THE DAY BEFORE THE TWO-DAY DOWNING STREET SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THE TOUR IS EXPECTED TO LAST NOT MORE THAN FOUR HOURS AND THE PRESIDENT WILL FLY ON TO LONDON ABOUT LUNCHTIME. FURTHER DETAILS OF TIMES AND LOCATIONS WILL BE ISSUED NEARER THE DATE. 10 DOWNING STREET, WHITEHALL, LONDON SW-1, 15 APRIL 1977.

4. FYI: HMG EXPRESSED SENSE OF CONSIDERABLE URGENCY TO GET STATEMENT OUT PRIOR RPT PRIOR ARRIVAL U. S. PRE-ADVANCE TEAM, CITING PUBLIC ATTENTION TEAM WILL ATTRACT IN NEWCASTLE BY THEIR PRESENCE AND TRAVEL VIA OFFICIAL U. S. PLANE APRIL 18. HMG WANTS PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED TO PRE-EMPT ANY POLITICAL

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PRESSURES FROM REGION SEEKING TO SECURE PRESIDENTIAL APPEARANCE ELSEWHERE THAN SITES PM HAS CHOSEN. PRIME MINISTER APPARENTLY BELIEVES HIS RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CONSTITUTE CONCURRENCE BY PRESIDENT IN SITES/ ACTIVITIES PM SELECTED IN NORTHEAST.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS COUNTRY IS NOT YET INTO A PROPER RUN-UP TO A GENERAL ELECTION, THE UNCERTAIN PARLIAMENTARY SITUATION HERE LENDS ADDED DOMESTIC POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OUTSIDE LONDON. CALLAGHAN WILL, WE ARE SURE, BE SCRUPULOUS NOT TO EXPLOIT THE TRIP IN ANY OBVIOUS WAY FOR NARROW PARTISAN ADVANTAGE, BUT THE SIMPLE FACT OF HIS BEING SEEN TOURING WITH THE PRESIDENT CANNOT HELP BUT YIELD DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIVIDENDS. ALL OF THIS WAS, OF COURSE, INHERENT IN THE PRESIDENT'S ORIGINAL DECISION TO SEE SOMETHING OF BRITAIN OTHER THAN ITS CAPITAL AND DOES NOT IN ANY WAY CONSTITUTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GROUND FOR OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT. IT DOES, HOWEVER, INCREASE THE IMPORTANCE, IN THE INTEREST OF BEING SEEN TO BE EVENHANDED, OF THE PRESIDENT'S AGREEING TO MRS. THATCHER'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO LONDON (LONDON 4995).

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